(d) and (e) No request has been received by the Government seeking exemption from service tax for this project.

HCL's Losses

4382. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that PSUs under the Ministry made a loss of 1905 crores during 2005-06 and of these, Hindustan Cable Ltd. has at least for the last four years made a loss of around Rs. 300 crores each year and as per the Department's Outcome Budget for 2007-08, it is expected to make a similar loss during the current year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there has been no production at the company for the last four years; and

(c) if so, why is Government indulging in such a waste of taxpayers' money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) During the year 2005-06 the PSUs under the Department of Heavy Industry on an aggregate made profit of Rs. 1763.59 crores. During the last four years, HCL has incurred losses as follows:—

Year	Rs. in crore
2003-04	307.87
2004-05	270.87
2005-06	295.28
2006-07	288.98 (Prov.)

As per the estimates for the year 2007-08, company may incur a loss of Rs. 310.00 crores.

(b) The production of the company during the last four years is as follows:—

Year	In LCKM
2003-04	5.34
2004-05	Nil
2005-06	Nil
2006-07	Nil

(c) As per the Government policy relating to sick Public Sector Enterprises enunciated in National Common Mimimum Programme every effort will be made to modernize and restructure sick Public Sector Companies and revive sick industries, chronically loss-making companies will either be sold-off, or closed, after all workers have got their legitimate dues and compensation. For deciding the future of HCL, on the recommendation of Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE), a fresh technoeconomic study on HCL has been commissioned through IIT, Kharagpur. A decision in the matter would be taken after receipt of recommendation of the BRPSE.

Full Autonomy to PSEs

4383. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to give full autonomy to public sector enterprises;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether, with full autonomy to public sector enterprises, Government will stop giving preferential treatment to judge their performance in comparison to private sector; and

(d) if not, what is the purpose of giving full autonomy?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) As per the National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP), the Government is committed to a strong